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1. US DISARMAMENT DEL APPROACHED SWEDEN (ECKERBERG) TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT MRS. THORSSON WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. ECKERBERG FORMALLY REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENT THAT SHE WOULD BE AVAILABLE. HE ADDED THAT WHILE SWEDEN IS NOT ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT ABOUT ACCEPTING JOB IF CONSENSUS IN PREPCOM SHOULD FAVOR THORSSON. IN ADDITION, ECKERBERG SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT SWEDEN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO US (AND UK AND USSR IF THEY CHOSE TO DO SO) CANVASSING OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS TO SEEK CONSENSUS FOR THORSSON.

2. US DEL ALSO CONCLUSTED SOVIETS AND UK, INFORMING THEM OF US GOVERNMENT DECISION TO SUPPORT THORSSON. ROSHCHIN (USSR) RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD REPORT INFORMATION AND SEEK GUIDANCE. UK DEL INDICATED THAT IT ALREADY HAS
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AUTHORITY TO CANVASS PREPCOM MEMBERS WITH VIEW TO GAIN-

ING SUPPORT FOR THORSSON, AND WILL DO SO IN PARALLEL WITH US EFFORTS.

3. IN VIEW OF INFORMAL COMMENTS BY ROSHCHIN AS WELL AS OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN DELS THAT THORSSON WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, WE AND UK DEL INTEND TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO INFORM OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS OF US AND UK INTEREST IN THORSSON'S CANDIDACY. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT SOVIETS TO LEAVE IT TO OTHER DEPOSITARIES TO TEST WATER BEFORE THEY COMMIT THEMSELVES MORE FULLY.
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